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AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

1 Section 1. KRS 186.240 is amended to read as follows:

2 (1) It shall be the duty of the cabinet to carry out the provisions of KRS 186.005 to
3 186.260, and:

4 (a) Prepare and furnish to the clerk in each county a sufficient supply of all forms
5 and blanks provided for in KRS 186.005 to 186.260. The forms for receipts
6 shall be designated for the writing of not less than triplicate copies, the
7 originals of which shall be numbered consecutively for each county, the
8 second and third copies bearing the same number as the original. Receipts to
9 be used as duplicates for lost receipts, as provided in KRS 186.180(1), shall
10 be in duplicate only, and shall not be numbered;

11 (b) Keep a numerical record of all registration numbers issued in the state, for
12 which they may use the second copy of receipts forwarded by the clerk of each
13 county, and also keep a record of motor or vehicle identification numbers
14 required by KRS 186.160; and

15 (c) Furnish to each clerk, originally each year upon estimate, and thereafter upon
16 requisition at all times, a sufficient supply of plates and other insignia
17 evidencing registration for all classes of vehicles required to be registered.
18 The cabinet shall prescribe a plate of practical form and size for police
19 identification purposes that shall contain:

- 20 1. The registration number;
- 21 2. The word "Kentucky;" and
- 22 3. The name of the county in which the plate is issued, or in lieu thereof the
23 words "Official," "Transportation," "Executive," or "Farm." Plates for
24 commercial vehicles, shall contain the year the license expires and
25 words or information the Department of Vehicle Regulation may

1 prescribe by administrative regulation, pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A.
 2 Numerals indicating a year shall not be placed upon any license plate
 3 issued pursuant to KRS 186.060, relating to the licensing of vehicles
 4 owned exclusively by the state and KRS 186.061, relating to the
 5 licensing of vehicles owned exclusively by a nonprofit volunteer fire
 6 department, volunteer fire prevention unit, and volunteer fire protection
 7 unit. A state slogan may be placed upon the plate.

8 (2) License plates issued pursuant to KRS 186.050(1) shall conform to the provisions
 9 of subsection (1)(c) of this section except:

10 (a) The word "Kentucky" shall be centered above the county name in which the
 11 plate is issued;

12 (b) The words "Bluegrass State" shall be centered at the top of the plate above the
 13 registration number; and

14 (c) The name of the county in which the plate is issued shall be centered in the
 15 lower portion of the plate below the registration number and shall be printed
 16 in letters that are the same size as those used to print the word "Kentucky."
 17 Beginning January 1, 1993, the Transportation Cabinet shall provide for the
 18 issuance of reflectorized plates for all motor vehicles, and shall collect a fee,
 19 in addition to the fee set out in KRS Chapter 186 and KRS 281.860, of fifty
 20 cents (\$0.50). The fifty cents (\$0.50) fee to reflectorize license plates shall be
 21 used by the cabinet as provided in subsection (3) of this section;

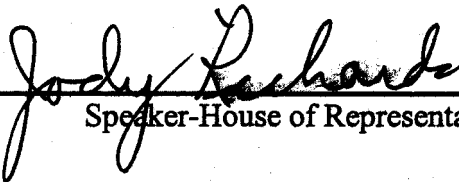
22 (3) The reflectorized license plate program fund is established in the state road fund
 23 and appropriated on a continual basis to the cabinet to administer the moneys as
 24 provided in this subsection. The fifty cents (\$0.50) fee collected by the cabinet to
 25 reflectorize license plates shall be deposited into the program fund and used to issue
 26 reflectorized license plates~~[every five (5) years]~~. If at the end of a fiscal year,
 27 money remains in the program fund, it shall be retained in the fund and shall not

1 revert to the state road fund. The interest and income earned on money in the
2 program fund shall also be retained in the program fund to carry out the provisions
3 of this subsection. The Transportation Cabinet shall begin issuing the new
4 reflectorized license plate under the provisions of this subsection on January 1,
5 2003, and shall continue to issue a new reflectorized license plate on a schedule to
6 be determined at the discretion of the Cabinet in the~~every five (5)~~ years
7 thereafter;

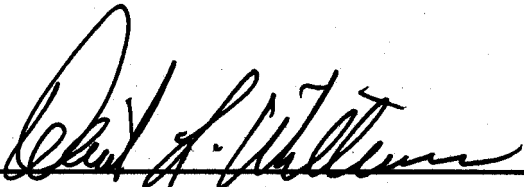
8 (4) Except as directed under subsection (3) of this section, the Transportation Cabinet
9 shall receive all moneys forwarded by the clerk in each county and turn it over to
10 the State Treasurer for the benefit of the state road fund;

11 (5) The Transportation Cabinet shall require an accounting by the clerk in each county
12 for any moneys received by him under the provisions of this chapter, after the
13 deduction of his fees under this chapter, and for all receipts, forms, plates, and
14 insignia consigned to him. The Auditor of Public Accounts, pursuant to KRS
15 43.071, shall annually audit each county clerk concerning his responsibilities for the
16 collection of various fees and taxes associated with motor vehicles. The secretary of
17 the Transportation Cabinet, with the advice, consultation, and approval of the
18 Auditor, shall develop and implement an inventory and accounting system which
19 shall insure that the audits mandated in KRS 43.071 are performed in accordance
20 with generally accepted auditing standards. The Transportation Cabinet shall pay for
21 the audits mandated by KRS 43.071; and

22 (6) When applied for under KRS 186.160, motor or vehicle numbers assigned shall be
23 distinctive to show that they were designated by the cabinet.



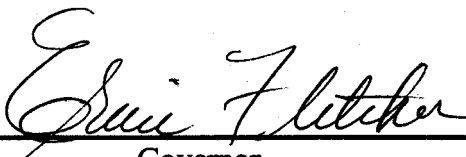
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